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Dear Mr. Schnittker:

I have your reply of 15 January in response to my letter concerning the problem of coordination of statistics on Soviet agriculture. We are sorry that the Department does not share our concern over the admittedly minor but troublesome differences that now exist in our estimates. We sincerely hope that the informal coordination through conferences and contacts between our specialists and those in your Department may be further strengthened in the future, in order to avoid the use and release of conflicting statistics that might be embarrassing to the US Government.

I am pleased to note your designation of Dr. Anderson and Dr. Volin as the representative and alternate for the Department of Agriculture on the Economic Intelligence Committee of the USIB and of Dr. Volin and Mr. Brown as the representative and alternate on the Agricultural Subcommittee. I and my staff will look forward to a continued close and friendly working relation with them in achieving the objectives of the USIB, paramount among which must be the production of the best (and most widely agreed) intelligence possible on all matters of strategic interest.

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman

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